MIG crashes

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MIG-21 crashes in India during the last four years;

(b) the number of pilots and other lives lost in the crashes;

(c) the amount lost on account of loss of property; and

(d) the action taken to replace these planes with better varieties immediately?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The details of MIG-21 accidents, number of pilots and others killed, and cost of property lost are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(d) Modernisation and upgrading of Indian Air Force fleet is a continuous process. Progressive phasing out of older variants of MIG-21 has already commenced.

Statement
MIG Crashes

Financial Year	Total Cat-I Accidents	No. of Pilots Killed	No. of Civilion Killed	Aircraft Lost	Cost of damage (in Rs.)
1998-1999	10	05	03	10	35,72,52,878.00
1999-2000	13	06	00	13	53,67,92,536.00
2000-2001	12	10	01	12	30,04,24,302.00
2001-2002	07	05	03	07	24,37,05,434.00
2002-2003 (Up to 14th November, 2002)	11	04	09	11	
TOTAL	53	30	16	53	143,81,75,150.00

• Yet to be finalised.